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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 14, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM GIBBONS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Father Christian R. Oravec, President, St. Francis College, Loretto, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Lord, bless the Members of this House, chosen representatives of our Nation. Give them the wisdom and understanding, courage and patience needed for true leadership. Bless all our citizens today in celebrating Flag Day. May our flag, which adorns this Chamber and waves throughout our country and the world, serve as a constant reminder of Your gifts of life and freedom, justice and peace.

May this symbol of glory, old and still to come, fill us with pride in our achievements and humble compassion for those who suffer in any way. When we see it standing as silent sentinel over the graves of our servicemen and women, here and abroad, help us also to value the price of honor and self-sacrifice.

Lord, thank You for all your gifts, now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 59, answered "present" 1, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 270]

YEAS—352

Abercrombie  
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Allen  
Andrews  
Archer  
Army  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baker  
Baldacci  
Baldwin  
Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett (NE)  
Barrett (WI)  
Bartlett  
Bass  
Bateman  
Becerra  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilirakis

Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Bliley  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonior  
Bono  
Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (FL)  
Brown (OH)  
Bryant  
Burr  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Campbell  
Canady  
Cannon  
Capps  
Cardin

Carson  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chambliss  
Clayton  
Clement  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Collins  
Combest  
Conyers  
Cooksey  
Cox  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Cunningham  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (VA)  
Deal  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DeMint  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart

Dicks  
Dingell  
Dixon  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Everett  
Ewing  
Farr  
Fattah  
Fletcher  
Foley  
Forbes  
Ford  
Fossella  
Fowler  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (NJ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Gallegly  
Ganske  
Gejdenson  
Gekas  
Gephardt  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gilman  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Goodling  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Green (TX)  
Green (WI)  
Greenwood  
Hall (OH)  
Hall (TX)  
Hansen  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Herger  
Hill (IN)  
Hilleary  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holden

Holt  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hyde  
Inlee  
Isakson  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Kelly  
Kennedy  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Klecza  
Klink  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
Kuykendall  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Lampson  
Lantos  
Largent  
Larson  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Lazio  
Leach  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lucas (OK)  
Luther  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Martinez  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McCrery

McGovern  
McHugh  
McInnis  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Menendez  
Metcalfe  
Mica  
Millender-McDonald  
Miller (FL)  
Miller, Gary  
Minge  
Mink  
Moakley  
Mollohan  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nethercutt  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Obey  
Ortiz  
Ose  
Oxley  
Packard  
Pallone  
Pascarella  
Pastor  
Paul  
Payne  
Pease  
Pelosi  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Phelps  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Pombo  
Porter  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Regula  
Reyes  
Reynolds  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer

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Ros-Lehtinen	Shows	Thurman
Rothman	Shuster	Tiahrt
Roukema	Simpson	Toomey
Roybal-Allard	Sisisky	Trafficant
Royce	Skeen	Turner
Rush	Skelton	Udall (NM)
Ryan (WI)	Smith (MI)	Upton
Ryun (KS)	Smith (NJ)	Vitter
Salmon	Smith (TX)	Walden
Sanchez	Smith (WA)	Walsh
Sanders	Snyder	Wamp
Sandlin	Spence	Watkins
Sanford	Spratt	Watt (NC)
Sawyer	Stabenow	Watts (OK)
Saxton	Stearns	Waxman
Scarborough	Stump	Weiner
Schakowsky	Sununu	Weldon (FL)
Scott	Talent	Weldon (PA)
Serrano	Tanner	Weygand
Sessions	Tauscher	Wilson
Shadegg	Tauzin	Wise
Shaw	Taylor (NC)	Wolf
Shays	Terry	Woolsey
Sherman	Thomas	Wynn

## NAYS—59

Aderholt	Hilliard	Slaughter
Baird	Hinchey	Stark
Bilbray	Hooley	Stenholm
Borski	Hulshof	Strickland
Brady (PA)	Jones (OH)	Stupak
Capuano	Kucinich	Sweeney
Chenoweth-Hage	LoBiondo	Taylor (MS)
Clay	McDermott	Thompson (CA)
Condit	McNulty	Thompson (MS)
Costello	Miller, George	Towns
Crane	Moore	Udall (CO)
DeFazio	Oberstar	Velazquez
Dickey	Olver	Visclosky
English	Peterson (MN)	Waters
Evans	Pickett	Weller
Filner	Ramstad	Whitfield
Gutierrez	Riley	Wicker
Gutknecht	Rogan	Wu
Hastings (FL)	Sabo	Young (FL)
Hefley	Schaffer	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tancredo

## NOT VOTING—22

Barton	Hill (MT)	Sensenbrenner
Burton	Hunter	Souder
Coburn	Hutchinson	Tierney
Cook	Jefferson	Vento
Cummings	Kasich	Wexler
Danner	McIntosh	Young (AK)
Delahunt	Owens	
DeLay	Pomeroy	

□ 1025

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Will the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LANTOS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1507. An act to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance

abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes.

S. 2722. An act to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed W. Freeman, James K. Okubo, and Andrew J. Smith.

S.J. Res. 46. Joint resolution recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Army.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-181, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints Ted R. Lawson of West Virginia to serve as a member of the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry.

WELCOMING FATHER CHRISTIAN  
R. ORAVEC

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), in welcoming Father Christian Oravec. Father Christian is the President of St. Francis College, one of the oldest Catholic colleges in America, which sits atop the Allegheny Mountains in Central Pennsylvania. He is the longest serving president of that college in its history, since 1977.

In addition to doing a superb job in serving our region of the country, Father Christian is a leader in the community. Indeed, he is deeply involved in 16 different civic organizations. Beyond that, he is a beloved parish priest. It is my great pleasure to help welcome him here today.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHUSTER. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, let me add my welcome to Father Christian. My colleague and I share Father Christian. He is right on the border at one of the finest schools in Pennsylvania, and it is just marvelous to have him here.

His prayer was so good. He said the only problem is that they limited him to 125 words, and he can not say much in 125 words.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minute requests on each side.

CALLING ATTENTION TO SERIOUS-  
NESS OF MISSING NUCLEAR SE-  
CRETS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I call my colleagues' attention to an editorial in The Washington Post entitled Nuclear

Nightmare: "Guarding the nation's nuclear secrets is about the most basic duty of an administration. The danger of nuclear proliferation is so serious that the United States bombs Iraq, sanctions India and Pakistan and kowtows to North Korea, all in an attempt to prevent weapons of mass destruction from falling into the wrong hands.

□ 1030

That unidentified hands could have quietly removed, at Los Alamos, two computer drives with information on dismantling nuclear bombs is shocking. That it should happen so soon after the investigation of other security labs makes it even more credible.

That is from the Washington Post.

Now, today we are witnessing the other side of the aisle having everybody sign up because they are worried about political attack ads. Is anybody demanding the information on potential nuclear attacks?

Now, over the last couple months, the Vice President has condemned everything our nominee has said as reckless and risky. Where is his voice on this particular issue affecting America's safety and security?

Yes, I agree we have to reform politics. Yes, I agree a Buddhist temple is not the right place to have a fund-raiser. But let us look at our nuclear secrets and find out and demand answers from Secretary Richardson, President Clinton, and the Vice President of the United States.

TACTICS OF KGB ARE  
UNACCEPTABLE

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the KGB is back. Yesterday, the head of Russia's only free media was arrested; and as we meet here this morning, he is still in prison.

President Putin of Russia is in Madrid claiming not to know anything about this. He is either a puppet or he is a perpetrator.

I call on the Russian Government to release, without any further delay, the head of the only free media network in Russia. This is the network which reported accurately on the war in Chechnya. This is the network that can provide us with the hope of building a democratic society in Russia.

The tactics of the KGB are unacceptable in the 21st century.

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN  
RUSSIA

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I also rise out of concern for the human rights situation in Russia.

Yesterday, the Government of Russia took a giant step backwards in human